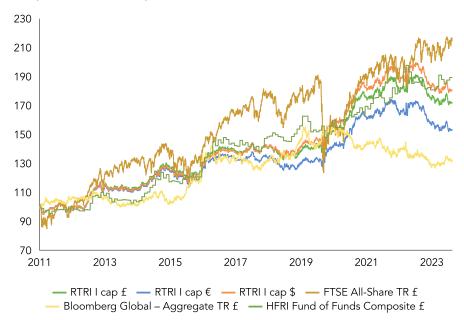
## Ruffer Total Return International

**SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH ON 14 JULY 2011** 

Past performance does not predict future returns



February saw a continuation of the AI-fuelled rally with both the S&P and Nasdaq indices ending the month at new all-time highs. The equity market exuberance was given a shot in the arm by Nvidia's earnings announcement mid-month, following which the stock rallied more than 16% in a day. Nvidia's market value gain on that day alone was greater than the total value of US gold mining companies. The market jitters evident around a single company's earnings release hints to us of an unstable trend that could just as easily surprise to the downside. This observation makes the derivative protections we hold especially attractive, albeit they were a drag on performance during the month.

Equities were a key driver of performance during February despite our low weight. Notably, Chinese equity markets rebounded. This turnaround followed an announcement by the Chinese securities regulator at the end of January banning stock lending. We believe sentiment and positioning in Chinese equities has reached extreme lows and this is reflected in attractive valuations. Furthermore, the incremental support being provided to asset markets by the Chinese authorities gives us comfort they are pushing in our direction. This stands in stark contrast to the setup for US equity markets where, needless to say, we remain cautious of both valuations and momentum.

Meanwhile bond yields continued to rise in February, as expectations for the number of interest rate cuts in 2024 fell, increasing the divergence between bond and equity market performance so far this year. Despite this, long-dated UK inflation-linked bonds were a positive contributor to performance as the oversold dynamics of January were reversed. However, our other interest rate sensitive holdings such as gold mining equities and the yen suffered as yields rose.

Having entered 2024 believing markets were priced for perfection (aka a soft landing), we are now watching closely as growth and inflation risks start to be re-priced. Expectations of a US recession in the next six months are falling fast, and the pace of disinflation has abated. Looking ahead, we expect persistent inflation to remain an issue as policy makers have shown a willingness to deliver a swift and deep-pocketed response to any economic pain and the most realistic long term solution to bulging government deficits is inflation. We continue to position the fund to benefit from this structural theme, through exposure to gold, inflation-linked bonds and commodities.

However, our focus in the immediate future remains on liquidity risks, as central bankers continue to shrink the size of their balance sheets. Any meaningful fiscal or monetary support for markets is, in our view, likely only to arrive after asset prices have been hit. In such an environment, we find confidence in a portfolio that leans heavily on the attractive real return available in cash and short dated bonds whilst holding additional protection to benefit from falling markets.

## MARKETING COMMUNICATION



#### **I CLASS FEBRUARY 2024**

Performance I cap %	6 GBP	EUR	USD
February	-0.1	-0.2	-0.0
Year to date	-2.7	-2.9	-2.6
1 year	-7.2	-8.6	-6.7
3 years pa	0.8	-0.5	1.2
5 years pa	5.3	4.0	6.0
10 years pa	4.3	3.2	4.9
Since inception pa	4.4	3.4	4.8
Share price, p			
I CAD cap			1.4485
I CHF cap			1.4333
I EUR cap			1.5365
I GBP cap			1.7256
I GBP dis			1.6734
I SEK cap			1.5711
I SGD cap			1.4385
I USD cap			1.8111
I USD dis			1.7627
		Net	Gross
Duration (years)		3.0	3.2
Equity exposure %	16.8 19.7		19.7
l cap GBP	Volatility %	Sharpe	Sortino
3 years	5.6	-0.3	-0.3
5 years	6.4	0.6	1.0
10 years	6.0	0.5	0.9
Since inception	5.9	0.6	1.0

#### 12 month performance to 31 December 2023

%	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
RTRI I cap £	8.3	13.3	9.7	6.2	-6.4
RTRI I cap €	6.8	12.5	9.0	4.6	-7.9
RTRI I cap \$	10.1	14.3	9.9	6.7	-5.9
FTSE All-Share TR £	19.2	-9.8	18.3	0.3	7.9
B'berg Gbl-Agg TR £	2.7	5.9	-3.7	-6.3	0.5
HFRI FOF Comp £	4.2	7.5	7.3	6.2	0.8

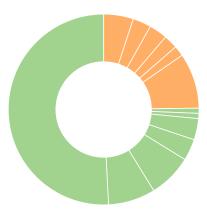
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#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The investment objective of the fund is to achieve positive returns from an actively managed portfolio. The fund may have exposure to the following asset classes: cash, debt, securities of any type (including government and corporate debt), equities and equity-related securities and commodities (including precious metals). Overriding this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation. Investors should note that there can be no assurance that the investment objective will be achieved.

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## **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Asset allocation	%
Short-dated bonds	50.8
Long-dated index-linked gilts	8.0
Cash	7.4
Gold exposure and gold equities	3.6
Non-UK index-linked	3.6
Index-linked gilts	0.9
Credit and derivative strategies	0.9
Commodity exposure	5.0
Consumer discretionary equities	3.1
Financials equities	3.1
Energy equities	2.4
Consumer staples equities	1.8
Other equities	9.4

Currency allocation	%
Sterling	77.7
Yen	15.7
US dollar	2.5
Euro	1.2
Other	2.9
Geographical equity allocation	%
UK equities	6.1
Asia ex-Japan equities	5.5
North America equities	4.1
Europe equities	3.7
Other equities	0.3

## **5 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS**

Stock	% of fund	
iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF	2.8	
ВР	1.6	
Alibaba Group	1.0	
TSMC ADR	0.8	
Prosus	0.7	

Largest equity holdings exclude Ruffer funds | Source: Ruffer LLP | Totals may not equal 100 due to rounding

## **RUFFER LLP**

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## **FUND SIZE £4,601.7M €5,374.8M**

Annual manage charge %	ment		0.9
Maximum subso	ription fee %		5.0
Minimum invest equivalent in ot	•		£25m
Ongoing Charg	es Figure %		1.03
Cut offs		3pm Luxembourg time or valuation day (so typically Wednesday and the last business day of the month	
Dealing frequer	(if not a business day, on following business day) F on the last business da		business day, on the ng business day) Plus
Ex dividend dat	es	Next NAV following the record date	
Pay dates		Within five business day after ex dividend dat	
Record date		Third M	Monday of November
Investment man	ager		Ruffer LLP
Depositary bank	<b>C</b>	Bank	Pictet & Cie (Europe) A.G.
Management co administrative a and transfer age and domiciliary	gent, registrar ent, paying	F	undPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.
Auditors			Ernst & Young S.A.
Structure			fund of Ruffer SICAV, xembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV
SFDR classificat	ion		Article 6
Share class	ISIN		SEDOL
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I CHF cap	LU0638558	3477	B4QLM86
I EUR cap	LU0638558	3394	B4LVH08
I GBP cap	LU0638558	3121	B4WP6Q8
I GBP dis	LU0779209	9195	В8ВНҮНО
I SEK cap	LU0923103	3534	B94R6P6
I SGD cap	LU140066	1093	BD2YGL3
I USD cap	LU0638558	3550	B4L04N7
I USD dis	LU0955560	0437	BCDYZK7

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### **GLOSSARY**

Volatility measures the extent to which returns vary over a given period. High volatility means returns have been more variable over time

Duration measures the sensitivity of a bond or fixed income portfolio's price to changes in interest rates. The higher the duration, the more sensitive the price or portfolio is to changes in interest rates

Sharpe ratio measures the performance of an investment, adjusting for the amount of risk taken (compared to risk-free). The higher the ratio, the better the returns compared to the risk taken Sortino ratio measures the extra return an investment makes for each unit of bad risk (the chance of losing money below a certain target)

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RISK INDICATOR FROM THE PRIIPS KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT DATED 17 MARCH 2023

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